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1. MINISTRY OF COMMERCE OFFICIAL WEEKLY CARRIES EDITORIAL ON ITC RECOMMENDATION ON NON RUBBER FOOTWEAR. EDITORILY ACCURATELY DESCRIBES ACTION AND NOTES US PRESIDENT MUST MAKE "DELICATE" DECISION TO AVOID DIFFICULTIES WITH CONGRESS.

2. ARTICLE REITERATES STANDARD SPANISH ARGUMENT SPANISH SHOES CAUSE NO "SERIOUS DAMAGE" TO US INDUSTRY SINCE THEY ARE SMALL RUNS OF NEW STYLES AS OPPOSED TO US LARGE SCALE PRODUCTION OF "TRADITIONAL" SHOES AND SHOES REPRESENT 30 PERCENT OF SPANISH EXPORTS TO US, THUS CONSTITUTING SPAIN BEST HOPE TO REDUCE ENORMUS DEFICIT IT INCURS IN TRADE WITH US (APPROX $1.8 BILLION IN 1976)
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GOES ON TO SAY SPAIN HAS TWO REMEDIES FOR HUGE TRADE INBALANCE FIRST INCREASE EXPORTS WHICH " IS NOT EASY GIVEN ATTITUDE DEDUCED FROM THE ITC REPORT" AND SECOND, THE "LESS LIBERAL AND GRACEFUL" REMEDY OF REDUCING IMPORTS FROM US, A DOUBTFUL PROPOSITION GIVEN THAT 60 PERCENT ARE PRIMARY MATERIALS. THIS LEADS TO EXAMINATION OF OF POSSIBILITY OF FINDING NEW SUPPLIERS FOR THESE IMPORTS WITH BEST CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES AMONG SUPPLIERS

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OF PRIMARY AGRICULTURAL MAERIALS.

3. EDITORAIAL CLOSES WITH REASONING THAT IF IN AN ELECTION YEAR PRESIDENT FORD REFUSED TO RESTRICT SHOE IMPORTS. "IT WOULD NOT SEEM LOGICAL " FOR PRESIDENT CARTER TO DO SO (IMPOSE RESRRICTIONS AT THE NEGINNING OF HIS TERM. PARTING SHOT IS THAT ACCEPTANCE OF MAJORITY ITC RECOMMENDATION WOULD MEAN GREATER COSTS FOR SHOE EXPORTING COUNTRIES THAN REAL ADVANTAGES FOR AMERICAN INTERESTS.

4. COMMENT: EDITORIAL IS SIGNIFICANT IN THAT IT IS AN OFFICIAL GOS STATEMENT. SUGGESTION OF FINDING OTHER SUPPLIERS FOR NECESSARY IMPORTS OF PRIMARY MATERIALS, SPECIFICALLY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, SEEMS TO BE SERIOUS PROPOSAL.(EMBASSY AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE IS REPORTING SEPAREAELT ON POSSIBILITIES FOR REDIRECTING AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS). GOS INTENTION IS TO PUT US ON NOTICE THAT IT SHOULD NOT TAKE IMPORTANT SPANISH MARKET FOR GRANTED. PERHAPS CONINCIDENTLY, DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS THE US SHARE OF THE SPANISH MARKET HAS DECLINED
WHILE THE US HAS FALLEN TO THIRD PLACE AMONG SPAIN'S PRINCIPAL CUSTOMERS.STABLER

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